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SOURCE A former Cuban IS officer who served with the Cuban Intelligence Service until April 1964.

Headquarters Comments

The following report is one of a series containing personality information provided by the source and includes supplemental information from the records of this Agency.

It is requested that the addressees take no action on any of the individuals mentioned in the personality reports without first checking with this Agency.

Ovidio SAMA Viamonte, pseudonym "Salgado," is the Cuban Vice Consul at Veracruz, Mexico. He was recently (April 1964) involved in the shooting of an individual who attempted to bomb the Consulate; SAMA is out of jail on bail. Source said that SAMA is an officer of the Direccion General de Inteligencia (General Directorate of Intelligence - DGI). Although source has no documentary proof, he said he knew of SAMA's Cuban intelligence affiliation from his own (Source's) trip to Mexico, from observations in the DGI Headquarters, and from general shoptalk. 1,2,3,4,5

Headquarters Comments

1. An April 1963 report identified Ovidio SAMA Viamonte, Cuban passport number 63/174, as a Cuban diplomat assigned to the Cuban Consulate in Veracruz, Mexico.
2. A usually reliable source, in a report dated 21 May 1963, stated that Ovidio SAMA was the Cuban Vice Consul in Veracruz, Mexico, and that he was quite sick with an amoeba.

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3. An untested source, in a report dated 28 May 1963, said he had received a letter on 14 May 1963 from a friend of his in Cuba who reported that an agent of the Cuban G-2, posing as a representative of the Political Department of the Institute for Friendship with Peoples, arrived recently in Mexico. The agent, known only by the nickname "SAMA," is operating in Veracruz, Mexico.
4. A usually reliable source, in a report dated 6 June 1963, stated that Ovidio SAMA, an employee of the Cuban Consulate in Veracruz, was in Mexico City where his wife had just arrived from Cuba.
5. On 16 April 1964, two newspapers reported that Ovidio SAMA Viamonte, the Cuban Consul at Veracruz, Mexico, was jailed in Mexico City on 16 April 1964 after shooting and wounding Alejandro REINOSO Herrera, a Cuban exile. REINOSO threw two Molotov cocktails at the Consulate.

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